Agenda Date: 8/22/07 Agenda Item: VII-C



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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| ROBERT D'ANGELO, PETITIONER |) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION) SETTLEMENT |
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| V: VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC., RESPONDENT |) BPU DOCKET NO. TC07010039U) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 5066-07 |
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(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On January 23, 2007, Robert D'Angelo (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board disputing the bill of Verizon New Jersey Inc. (VNJ) for telephone services.

After the filing of Respondent's answer, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Thomas E. Clancy.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and reached a settlement that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision submitted to the Board on July 30, 2007, to which the settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Clancy found that the agreement was voluntary, that its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy and that it met the requirements of N.J.A.C.1:1-19.1.

Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, Respondent has agreed to credit Petitioner's account in the amount of \$1,500.00. In return, Petitioner has agreed to accept this sum in full settlement of all claims that he presently may have against Respondent, including all claims asserted in his petition filed with the Board in this matter and further agreed to withdraw his request for a hearing at OAL.

After review and consideration, the Board <u>FINDS</u> that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable. Therefore, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Initial Decision and the Settlement Agreement in their entirety, incorporating the terms thereof into this final decision as if fully set forth at length herein.

DATED: 8/22/07

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

JEANNE M. FOX PRESIDENT

CHRISTINE V. BATOR COMMISSIONER

FREDERICK F. BUTLER COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities

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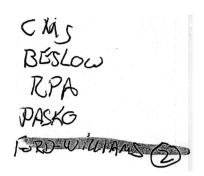
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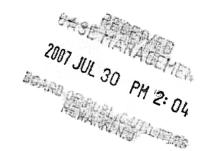
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INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT OAL DKT. NO. PUC 5066-07 AGENCY DKT. NO. TC07010039U

ROBERT D'ANGELO.

Petitioner.

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VERIZON NEW JERSEY, INC.,

Respondent.

ROBERT D'ANGELO, pro se

RALPH V. LEE, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: July 11, 2007

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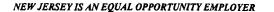
Decided: July 25, 2007

BEFORE: THOMAS E. CLANCY, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on April 20, 2007, for determination as a contested case. On July 11, 2007, at a settlement conference, the parties reached an amicable resolution of the matter and signed a stipulation of settlement indicating the extent of their agreements.

Having reviewed the record and the settlement terms, I FIND as follows:

1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or the signatures of their representatives; and,



2. The attached settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

Therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the agreement meets the requirements of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 1:1-19.1 and I hereby **APPROVE** same. Accordingly, I **ORDER** that the parties comply with the settlement terms, and that the proceedings in this matter be concluded.

hereby FILE my initial decision with the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES for consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five (45) days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

| July 25, 2007 DATE | THOMAS E. CLANCY, ALJ/ta |
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| Date Received at Agency: 7/30/07 | Mailed to Parties: |
| DATE | OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW |

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT (OAL DK+ # PUC 5066-07

the parties to the above referenced matter having settled their differences to hereby agree as follows

(1) Verizon of New Jersey agrees to credit jetitioner, Robert D'Angelo's acet # 908-464-8312 with \$1500 in full settlement of all claims asserted against it by Mn. D'Angelo; (2) Robert D'Angelo agrees to sure orden and give up any and all claims the way have us. Verizon at The present time; and (3) Robert D'Angelo hereby withdraws his request for a hearing at OAL in This matter Robert D'Angels-petotioner 7/11/7 Fully Authorized Rep. of Veryon

* including the claim he made for 10000 in the last garagraph of his petition and complaint to the N.J. Bl. of Public whilties



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We are hereby forwarding to you the following decisions from the office of Administrative Law. Receipt is acknowledged as of the next business day of the date indicated below. Should a listed decision not be included in this batch, please call 973-648-6008.

| OAL Docket No. PUC | Case Name |
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| 3946-07 | Denita A. Graham |
| 5066-07 | Robert O'Angelo |
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